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# CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League  
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## Semper Fidelis!



Sgt. Maj Troy E. Black addresses Marines, sailors and guests during the 1st MLG relief and appointment ceremony aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 7, 2017. Black was recently selected to become the 19th sergeant major of the Marine Corps. (Sgt. Zabolotniy/Marine Corps)

Black enlisted in 1988 and has served as sergeant major of the Officer Candidates School, the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and 1st Marine Logistics Group.

The future top enlisted Marine deployed for Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He has also had numerous MEU and Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company deployments.

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### Detachment Staff:

- Commandant** ..... Ben Wells
- Senior Vice-Commandant** ..... Louis Gewirtz
- Junior Vice-Commandant**..... Burt Helmka
- Judge Advocate** ..... Ray Sturm
- Junior Past-Commandant**..... Ray Sturm
- Adjutant** ..... Joseph Wright
- By-Laws Committee Chairman** Danny Fischio
- Chaplain** ..... Bill Collins
- Color Guard Commander** ..... Woody Bowman
- Historian** ..... Joseph Wright
- House Chairman** ..... Vacant
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- Young Marines Commander** ... Dallas Cooper

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## Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Member-	76	9	6
Annual Member-	17	8	—
<b>New Members</b>			
			—
<b>Sub-Totals</b>			
93	17	6	
<b>Total</b>			
116			



## Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating Birthdays during the month of May includes :

Jerry Fay Joseph Lowman Edward Luthardt  
Charles Luthardt Jr. Ron Short Robert Tavik Sr.  
William Wild

**NOTE** – If you were born in May and your name is not listed above, please contact the editor to be included in the future.

## Quotation

“Why are there tens of thousands of people running around pretending to be Vietnam Veterans?”  
“I haven’t seen anybody pretend that they were at Woodstock!”  
“They can’t steal our valor!”

General Anthony ‘The Godfather’ Zinni  
USMC Retired, former Commander-in-Chief Central Command, Special Envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Authority and father of a Marine





Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2019 – 2020 Has ended our new elected officer are.

Commandant	<b>Ben Wells</b>
Senior Vice Commandant	<b>Louis Gewirtz</b>
Junior Vice Commandant	<b>Burt Helkma</b>
Judge Advocate	<b>Ray Sturm</b>

Come out and meet them at our next Monthly Meeting 20 May 2019

**Just a reminder that this month meeting will be on Monday the 20 since the 27th is Memorial Day.**

If you have an email account and are not currently receiving the Cutting Edge electronically, please consider doing so. Providing me with your email address will reduce our monthly newsletter delivery postage fees.

Due to the Department Convention, the deadline for May articles is extended to MIDNIGHT on Tuesday, May 14th 2019. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your articles!



The following events are scheduled to occur through **June 2019** Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at **VFW Post 160**, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

**NOTE** – The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact

**1st May** Annapolis Jr NROTC Awards Ceremony, Annapolis HS

**2nd May** Pistol Shoot at On Target in Severn

**May 5th** Ferndale Day Parade – Sunday, at North County High School

**MAY 9-10 & 11** 2019 Department Convention Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center Ocean City, Maryland

**Friday, May 17,** Golf Tournament at 9:00 AM Walden Country Club – Crofton, MD

**Monthly Meeting,** MCL Detachment 1049 **Monday, 20 May @ 1900** (Ray Sturm) VFW Post 160

**June 8th** Department of PA Pistol Match at Fort Indiantown Gap.

**June 9th** Car and Truck Show @ VFW Post 160

**June 21-23, 2019** Mideast Division Conference hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment #957 and the Department of WV





# Commandant Ben Wills

Greetings Marines,

This is my first report and I would like to start off with thanking Jr. Past Commandant Ray Sturm for the many years he was Commandant. Ray has left a large pair of shoes to fill and I hope I can fill them and do a good job for detachment 1049. I would also like to thank all of you for having the faith in me to be your Commandant.

We just finished our 14th annual Marines Helping Heroes golf tournament and even though we were short a few foursome's we did ok. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help but I will also say that I was expecting to see more volunteers show up to help for the day.

We have set the date for our Marines Helping Heroes 5K run and that will be September 22nd and once again we will need your help.

National Convention is right around the corner, August 4-10, 2019 in Billings MT so don't forget to signup..

Semper Fi

Ben Wells



Rifle & Pistol Team  
Ray Sturm



. The detachment open pistol shoot will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 7PM at On Target in Severn.

The Department of Pennsylvania Service Pistol Match is June 8th at Fort Indiantown Gap. Details can be found at

<http://www.pamcleague.org/Portals/15/Docs/Pistol/Current%20Year%20Match/2019%20MCLPA%20Pistol%20Flyer%20-%20Final.pdf?ver=2019-04-02-123928-843>



# 2019 Department of Maryland Convention Photos





## Corps History

by Ed Dahling for Joe Wright, Historian

### 2 May 1946

Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner helped suppress three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay.

### 3 May 1898

Marines from the U.S.S. Baltimore raise the Stars and Stripes over the Cavite Naval Station.

### 5 May 1961

Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Navy Commander Alan Shepard

### 6 May 1937

Marines at NAS Lakehurst, NJ helped rescue Hindenburg survivors

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### 6 May 1946

Commandant Archibald Vandergriff tells Senate Naval Affairs Committee that  
The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps

### 8 May 1995

In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians and medical treatment of flood victims.

### 15 May 1862

Corporal John Mackie the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service on the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff, which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

### 22 May 1912

First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham the first Marine officer to be assigned to 'duty in connection with aviation' reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, MD



## Senior Vice Commandant Louis Gewirtz

Marines,

First off, let me say thank you for the trust you put in me to elect me as your Senior Vice Commandant.

One of my tasks as Senior Vice is to come up with ideas for fund-raising, so if anyone has an idea please let me know.

Now it is time to move on to the next event and that is the Marines Helping Marines golf tournament. The tournament will be May the 17th at the Walden Country Club and we would love to see you there. We would love to see some new help with this fund raiser which is for a wonderful cause. I do want to thank the same people who get involved and help every year.

Semper Fi!  
Louis Gewirtz



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# Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

## - COMING EVENTS -

May 19th Colors At Glen Burnie Fire House at 13:30 1st Ave

May 27th Colors at American Legion Post 276 QuarterField Rd Also at Crownsville Cemetery

Want to volunteer? Want to be part of the future of this valuable group? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, Call **Woody Bowman** at the following number **(410) 647-9655**



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Contact the Department License Plate Chairman, Craig Reeling, at 443-477-0670 or [Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org](mailto:Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org)



## Military Order of the Devil Dogs



## Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD)

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League



Congratulations to Ben Wells, Pack Dog of the Year and Ray Sturm, Md. Pack Leader.

Woof woof,

The Maryland Pack just held a very successful Grand Growl in Ocean City. If you weren't there, you missed another good one. Prior to the Grand Growl, we had only one Pup to go through the grueling process of becoming true DD.

The next Pound Growl will be on 18th August when we will have elections of officers. If you are interested in a particular office, be there and get nominated and join in on the fun.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,  
PDD Ed Dahling  
Dog Robber

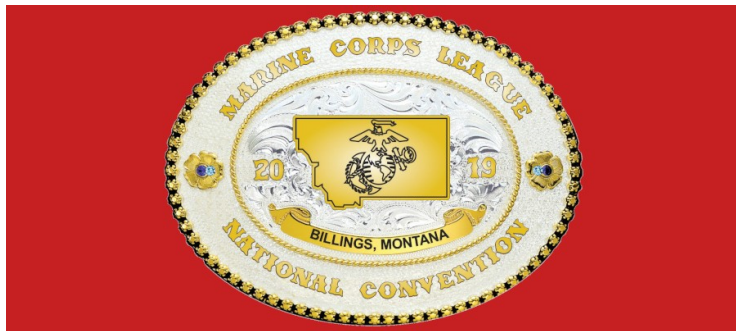




Congratulations Edward Dahling 2019 Department Of Maryland Marines of the Year



Commandant Ben Wills presenting Certificate of Appreciation to the American Legion post 40 and Son of Legion For their support of our Bull & Oyster Roast



## 96th Annual Marine Corps League Convention 2019

4 August — 10th 2019



2019 Mid-east Division Conference will be June 21-23, 2019 hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 and the Department of WV at the Days Inn, 347 Meadow Field Lane, Princeton, WV, 24739, Telephone: 304-425-8100.

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## Junior Vice Commandant Burt Helmka

Marines,

I'd like to thank you for your confidence in me. As you're newly elected Junior Vice Commandant, it is my intention to dedicate my term of office to you – the membership.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Junior Vice Commandant is to grow the membership of the detachment. I plan on making that my number one goal and I am open to any suggestions that my fellow members feel would help meet that goal.

Semper Fi,

Burt



## Chaplain's Corner Bill Collins

It has been a short but very busy month for the Detachment. The convention was, as always, a good time. Congratulations to Ed Dahling, Department Marine of the Year; Ben Wells, Pack Dog of the Year and Ray Sturm, Md. Pack Leader. We are indeed fortunate to have these Marines as members of our Detachment.


Our 14th Annual charity golf tournament was not as well attended as we would have liked; however all of those who attended had a great time. Thanks to all who helped to make the tournament successful. Without the support of this small group of perennial volunteers it would be impossible to conduct the fund raising events that are critical to our ability to contribute to the welfare of our fellow veterans and to the community at large.

In the fall we will be holding our annual 5K challenge....yet another opportunity for everyone to get involved in a day of fun with your fellow Marines. Details will be disseminated as they become available

Bill Collins, Chaplain

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# Have You Heard?

by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

## *April 27th Meeting Highlights .....*

### **OPENING BY RITUAL:**

Meeting called to order by Commandant Ray Sturm at 1900 hours.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by prayer by Acting Chaplain Pat Sharkey .  
Members in Attendance: 18

Don Benson District Vice Commandant  
Ed Dahling Department of MD Paymaster, Past Detachment Commandant,  
Detachment Marine of Year (2016)  
Joe Wright Past Detachment Commandant, Detachment Marine of the Year (2015)  
Ben Wells Detachment Marine of the Year (2017)  
Ray Sturm Detachment Marine of the Year (2018)

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Membership application for Captain Joseph E. Paoletta was presented, voted on and accepted as a new member

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes of the March meeting were posted on the detachment website and included in the detachment newsletter

**PAYMASTER:** Ed Dahling gave a hardcopy report:

**CORRESPONDANCE:** None

**COMMANDANT:** No Report

**SENIOR VICE:** No Report

**JUNIOR VICE:** No report.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** No Report.

**Chaplain REPORT:** Sadly reported the passing of Marine Manny Airey.  
Louis Gewirtz reported that his father was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent a successful surgery. Keep him in your thoughts.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Please get articles in on time.

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by Ed Dahling Editor Emeritus

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**COLOR GUARD:** The next event is the May 5th Ferndale Parade. No Glen Burnie parade again this year. Memorial Day at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

**TOYS for TOTS:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made by Burt Helmka to purchase \$150.00 in fundraiser tickets from American Legion Post 40. The motion was seconded and approved by membership vote.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** Nila Caulder thanked everyone that came out for Manny. Detachment Marine of the Year was presented to Bill Collins. Associate of the Year was presented to Nila Caulder. Commandants Award was presented to Burt Helmka. Jim Galvin was presented with the Community Service Ribbon.

**Installation of officers were conducted by District Vice Commandant, Don Benson. The officers for the 2019-2020 term Are:**

Commandant: Ben Wells  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Louis Gewirtz  
Jr. Vice Commandant: Burt Helmka  
Judge Advocate: Ray Sturm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** May 9-11 – Department of Maryland Convention.  
May 17 – MHH Golf Tournament

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Commandant Ben Wells closed the meeting IAW MCL rituals. The next detachment meeting will take place on May 20, 2019. Closing prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Pat Sharkey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Wright, Adjutant  
Marine Corps League - A. A. County Detachment 1049



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. The amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge sails in front of the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier on May 17, 2019, in the Arabian Sea. (Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brian M. Wilbur/ U.S. Navy via AP)